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SUBJ: DPC MEETING, JULY 31, 1975: AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF GENERAL COLLADAY'S (ACTING CHAIRMAN, MC) BRIEFING TO THE DPC ON THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

BEGIN TEXT:

THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES IS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE ACE SOLIDARITY AND FLEXIBILITY. THE CONCEPT INCORPORATES PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED NATO, NATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES IN THE AUTUMN PERIOD UNDER A COMMON UMBRELLA. THE EXERCISE SERIES WILL CULMINATE IN THE ACE-WIDE CPX ABLE ARCHER, 3-7 NOV 75. PARTICIPATING NATIONS HAVE WORKED WITH THE SHAPE STAFF IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXERCISE SERIES.

SACEUR SAID AUTUMN FORGE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS A SINGLE MAJOR EXERCISE; RATHER IT IS A SERIES OF NATIONAL, MULTI-SECRET

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NATIONAL, AND NATO EXERCISES, EACH OF WHICH FOLLOWS SUBSTANTIALLY A NORMAL PATTERN OF PREVIOUS YEARS. THEY ARE CONDUCTED OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS; THEY ARE SEPARATED IN TIME AND GEOGRAPHY; AND THEIR EXECUTION IS NOT CENTRALLY

CONTROLLED.

THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISES DO HAVE A COMMON SET OF OBJECTIVES WHICH AIM AT MEASURING SUCH PREVIOUSLY UNTESTED AREAS AS CROSS-SERVICING CAPABILITIES; RECEPTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS; HARMONIZATION OF DOCTRINE AND PROCEDURES; EVALUATION OF EQUIPMENT STANDARDIZATION; AND EXERCISE OF THE HIGHER LEVEL OF ACE COMMAND AND CONTROL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT LESSONS LEARNED FROM THESE EXERCISES, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WILL BE FULLY EXPLOITED BY NATO AND NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS, AND THUS MEASURABLY ENHANCE MOMENTUM TOWARD GREATER STANDARDIZATION AND INTER-OPERABILITY.

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